

## MAINTENANCE STANDARDS – MONTGOMERY PARKS

STATEMENT OF STANDARD/ Maintenance Activity	Park Type	Optimal Frequency Standard	Actual FY10	FY11 Estimated	FY12 Proposed
<b>TURF</b> Maintenance of turf within the park system shall be routinely mowed, trimmed, seeded, sodded and/or replaced based upon the needs of the level of maintenance for the park and the season of the year. All turf areas within the park system shall be aesthetically pleasing and appropriate for each park setting.					
<b>Turf Maintenance: Fertilizing, over seeding and aeration</b>  Using mechanical means, aerate, fertilize and over seed (as needed) all turf areas including athletic fields and adjacent areas	Regional / Recreational	3 X per year	2 X per year	1 X per year	1 X per year
	Local Parks	2 X per year	1 X per year	0	Once every 2 years
<b>Turf Maintenance: Mowing</b>  Maintain the turf in a horticulturally sound manner keeping the height of grass between 3-5.5 inches (local parks) and 3-5 inches (regional/recreational parks).	Local Parks	28 cuts per season	28 cuts per season	21 cuts per season	21 cuts per season
	Regional / Recreational	34 cuts per season	34 cuts per season	25 cuts per season	25 cuts per season
<b>ATHLETIC FIELDS</b> All athletic fields shall be safe and maintained to support the level of play identified for public use, the amenities developed to support the activity, and the age of the users and/or the level of play.					
<b>Athletic Fields: Infield Maintenance</b>  Dragging and leveling infield, maintenance of plates, bases and pitcher's mound where appropriate.	Regional / Recreational	Daily	Daily	4 X per week	4 X per week
	Local Parks	Weekly	Weekly	Monthly	Monthly
<b>Athletic Fields: Lining Infield</b>  Lining of infield where appropriate.	Regional / Recreational	Daily	Daily	4 X per week	4 X per week
	Local Parks	Weekly	Weekly	4 X per season	4 X per season
<b>Athletic Fields: Mowing</b>  Regional/Recreational Parks Maintain the turf in a horticulturally sound manner keeping the height of grass between 2.5-4.0 inches. Twice a week mowing (Apr. – Nov.)	Regional / Recreational	62 cuts per season	62 cuts per season	45 cuts per season	45 cuts per season
<b>PLAYGROUNDS</b> All playgrounds shall be inspected, maintained, repaired and/or replaced in order to be safe and comply with national safety guidelines. The frequency level of maintenance shall also support the level of public use of each playground within the park system.					
<b>Playground Inspection:</b>  Inspect playground facilities to insure compliance with Consumer Product Safety Council guidelines, to include inspection for head entrapment potential, checking of wood, protrusion of bolts or other sharp objects, proper depth of surfacing and overall condition of equipment. Request repairs or replace as appropriate based on results of inspection.	Regional, Recreational, Local, Neighborhood and Stream Valley Parks	12 X per year	12 X per year	12 X per year	12 X per year